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## Oualifications and Experience

Walter Torous, Ph.D.

- Education
- B. Math, Statistics and Economics 1976, University of Waterloo
  - Ph.D., Economics, 1981, University of Pennsylvania
    - **Professional Experience**
- Professor of Finance, UCLA Anderson
- Managerial Finance, Real Estate Finance, and Empirical Methods in Finance
- University of Michigan
- London Business School
- Visiting Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Founding Director, Ziman Center for Real Estate
- American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association) Editor, Real Estate Economics (official publication of

### Qualifications and Experience (cont'd) Walter Torous, Ph.D.

- Research
- Pricing of Financial Instruments (options, futures, mortgages)
- Reorganization of Financially Distressed Firms
- Statistical Issues in Finance
- Professional Consulting
- Government agencies
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development

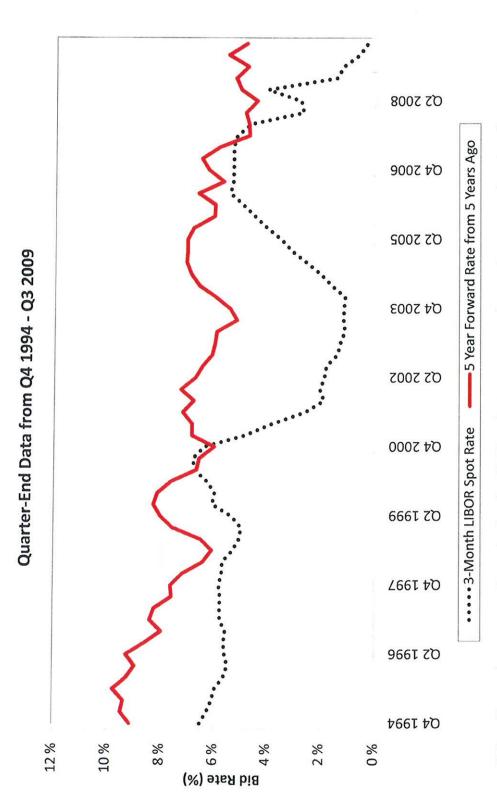
• Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC)

- Fixed income analytics provider
- Capital Management Sciences (CMS)
- Residential mortgage prepayment modeling



# Difficulty in Predicting Future Interest Rates

3 Month LIBOR: Spot rate versus 5-year forward rate from 5 years ago



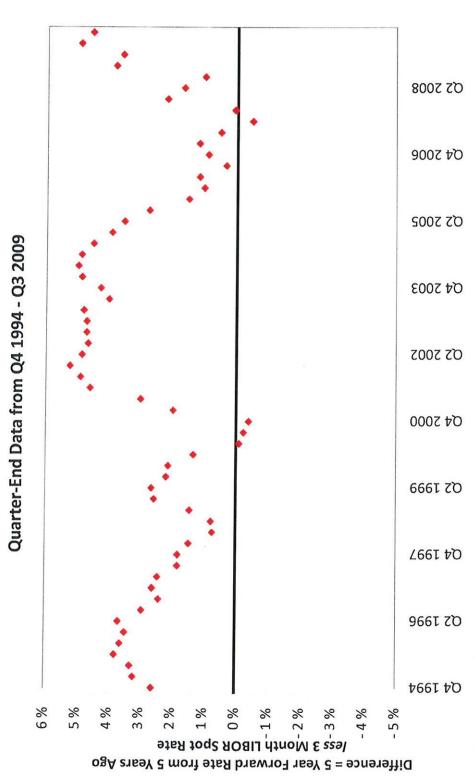
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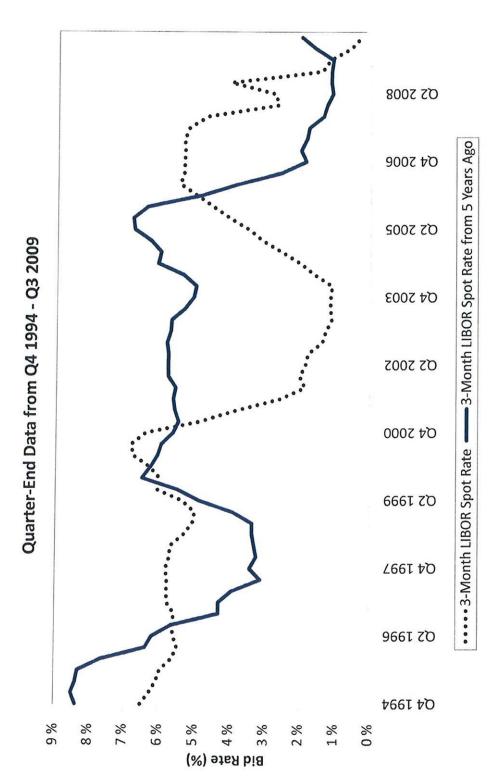


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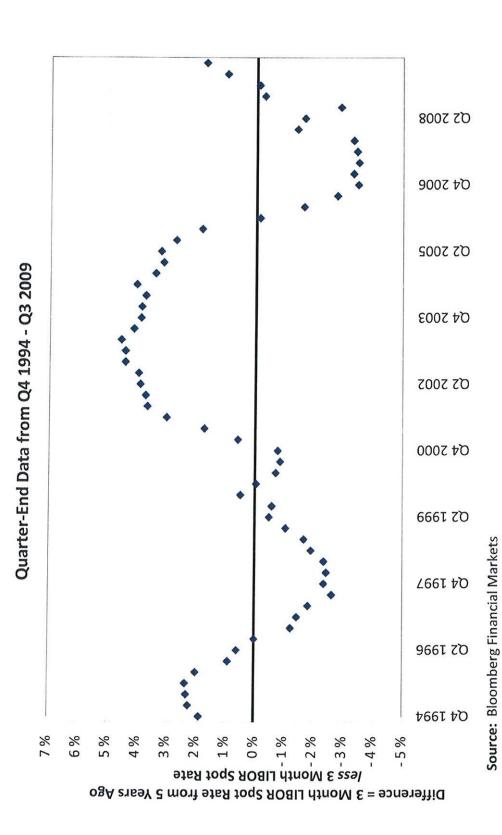


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## Difficulty in Predicting Future Interest Rates

Implied forward rates versus future spot rates

 Interpreting implied forward rates as reliable predictors of future spot rates is a theory

## • It is not a fact or a certainty

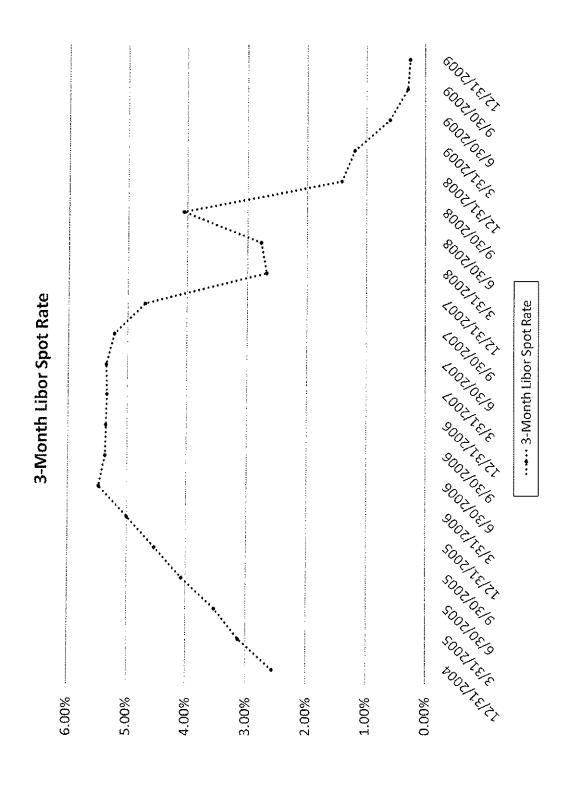
concludes that implied forward rates are not reliable In fact, extensive academic empirical research predictors of future spot rates For example, expectations hypothesis ignores risk and liquidity concerns in markets (liquidity preference)

Today's spot rate may be as good as a forward rate in predicting a future spot rate





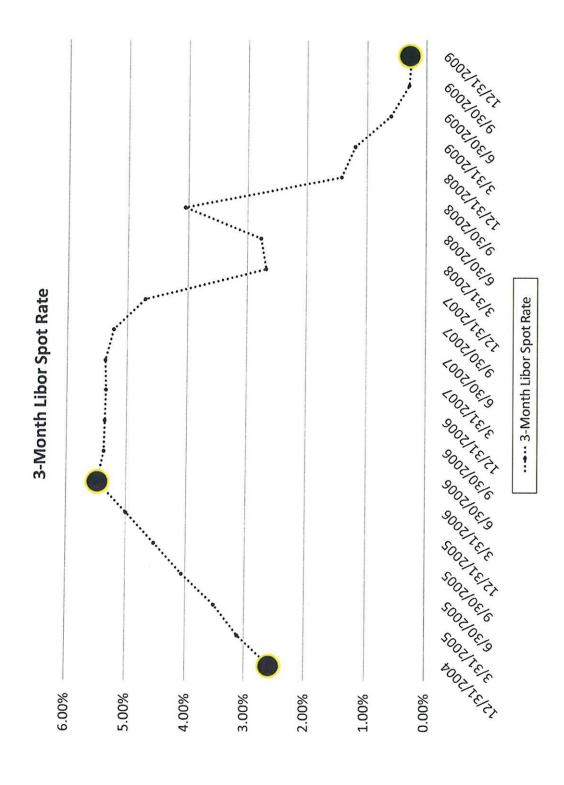
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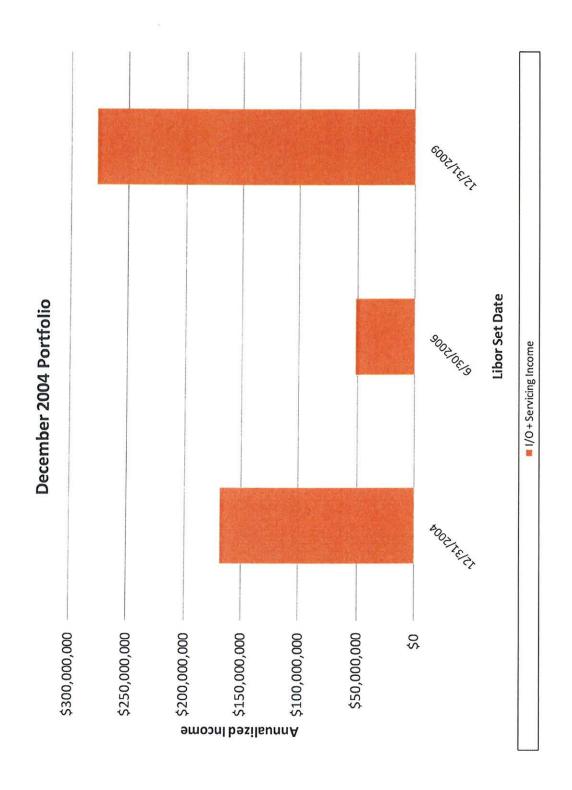
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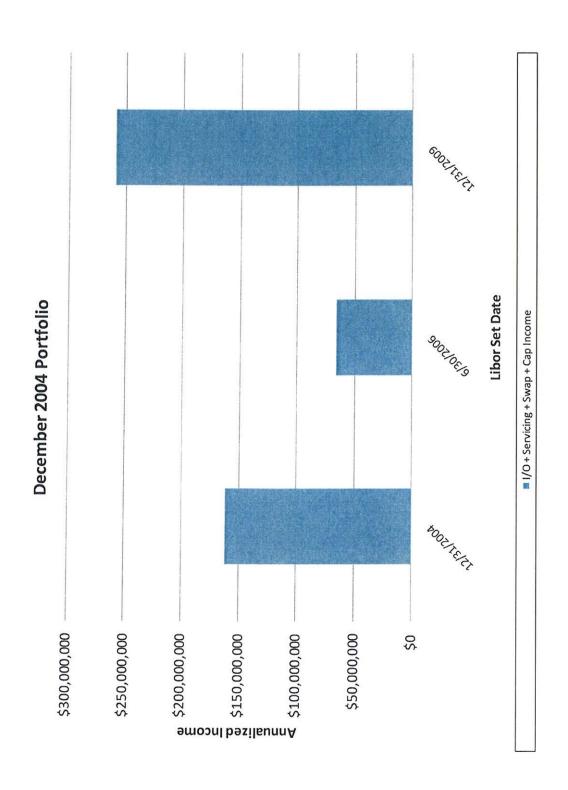
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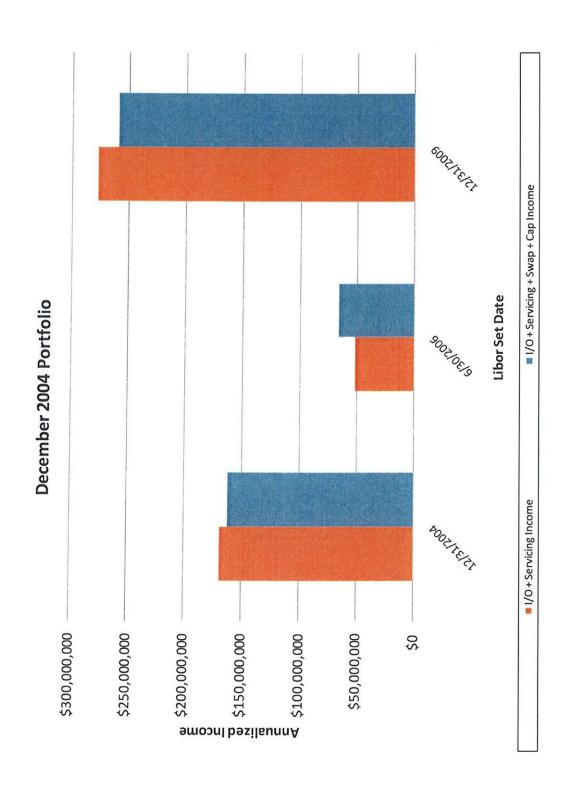
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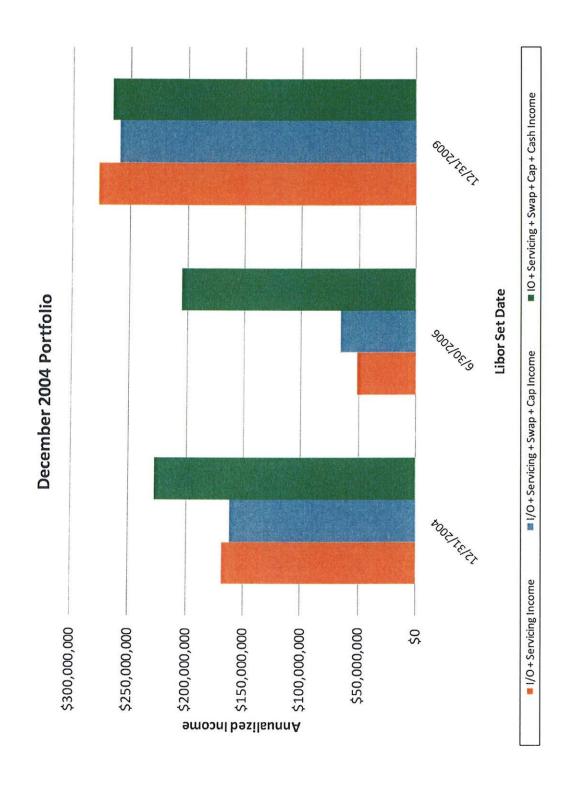
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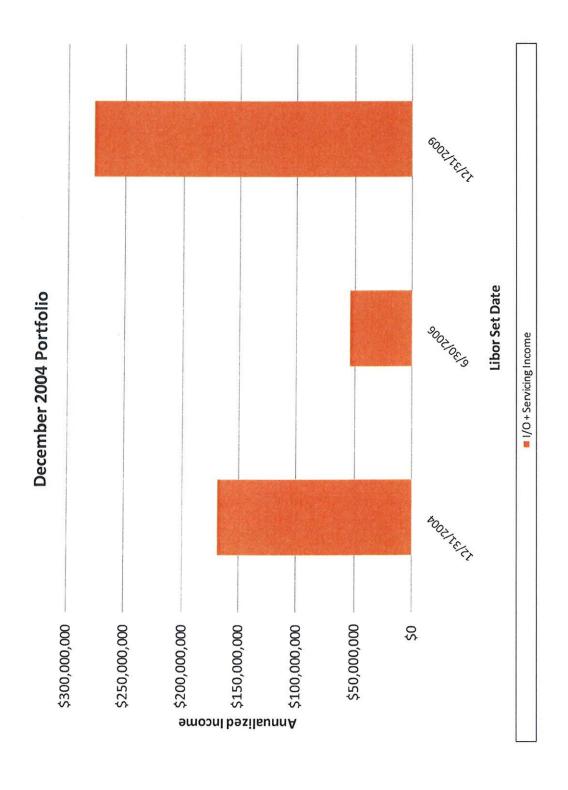


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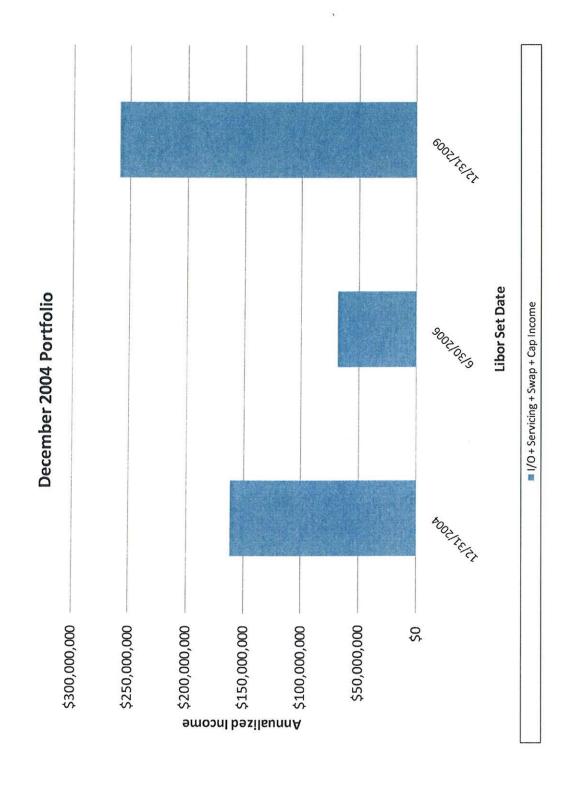


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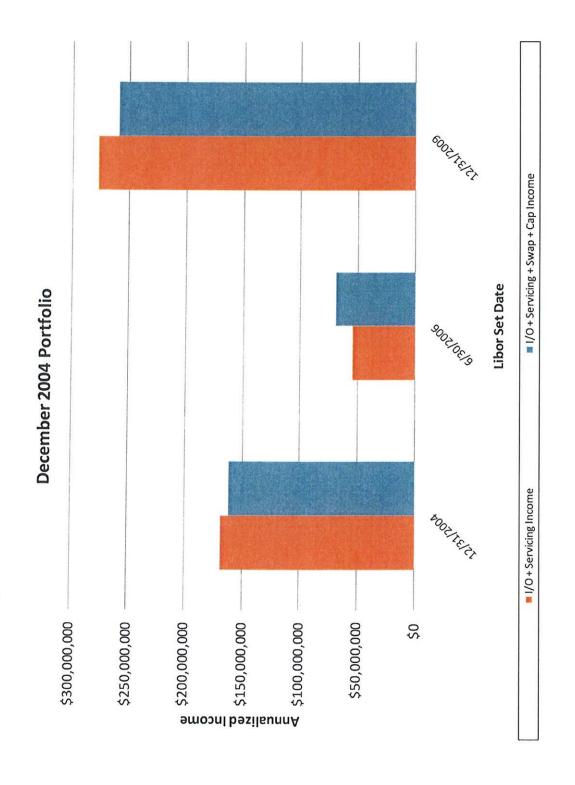


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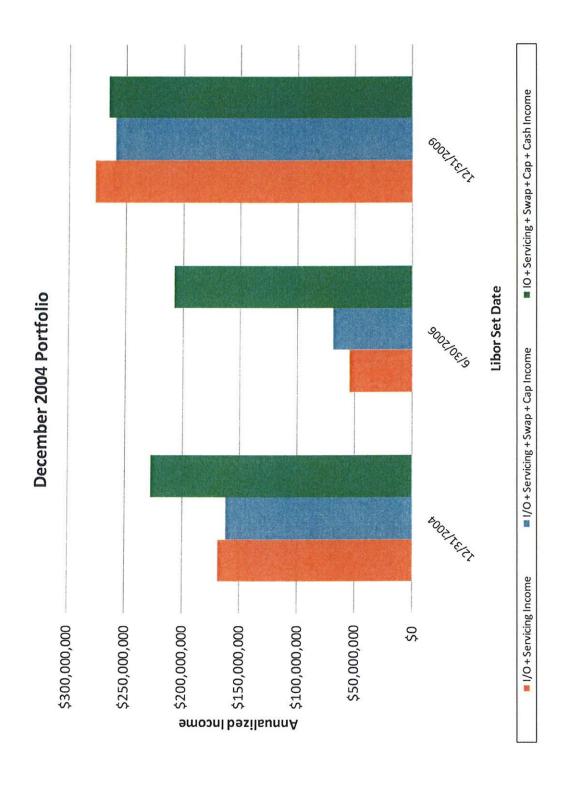


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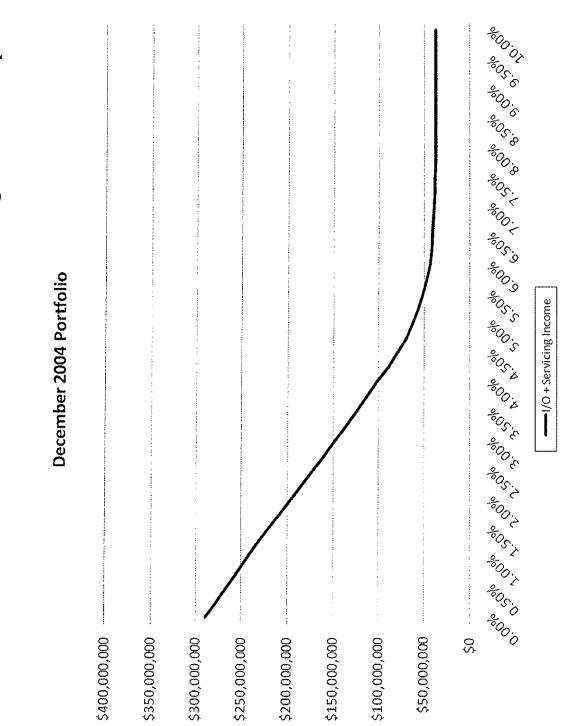
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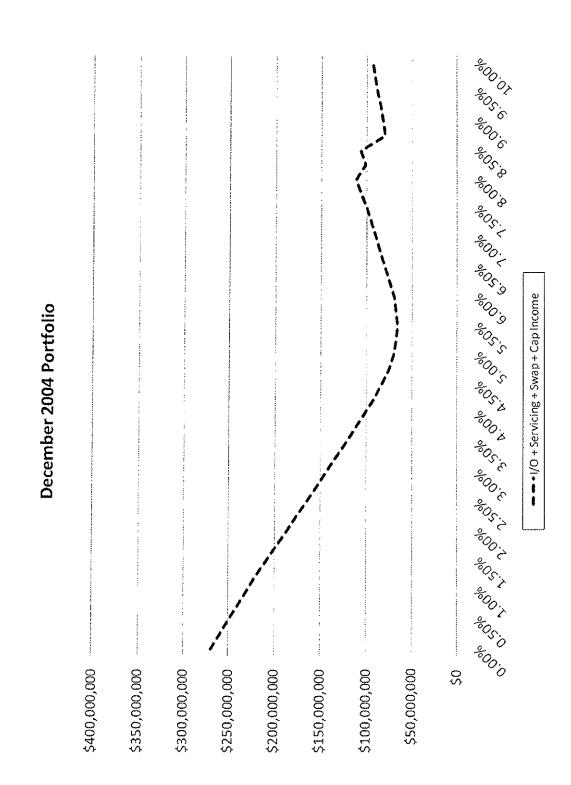
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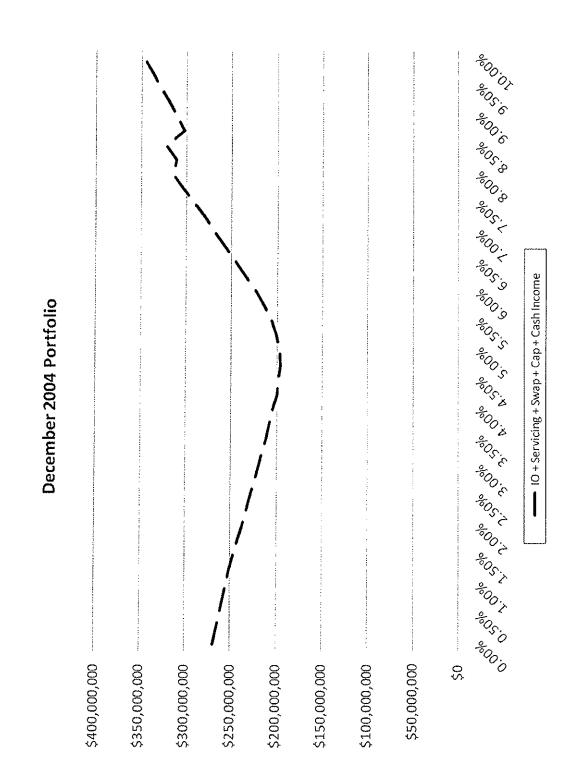
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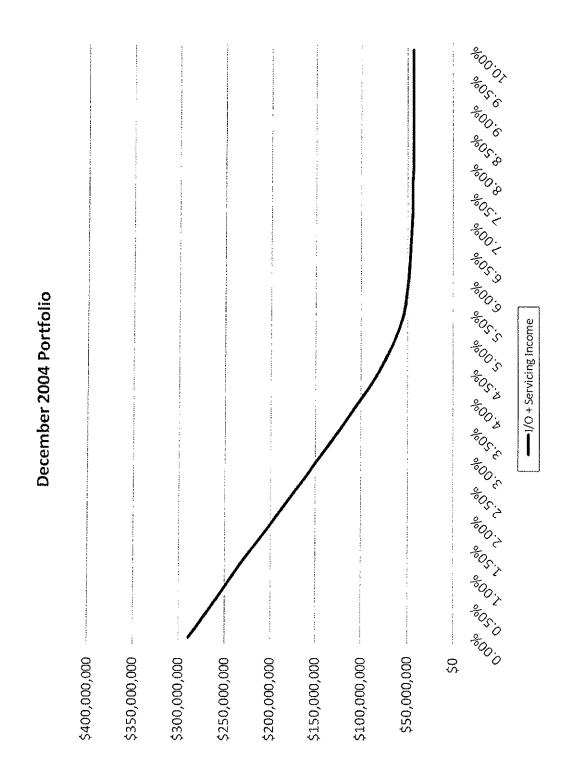
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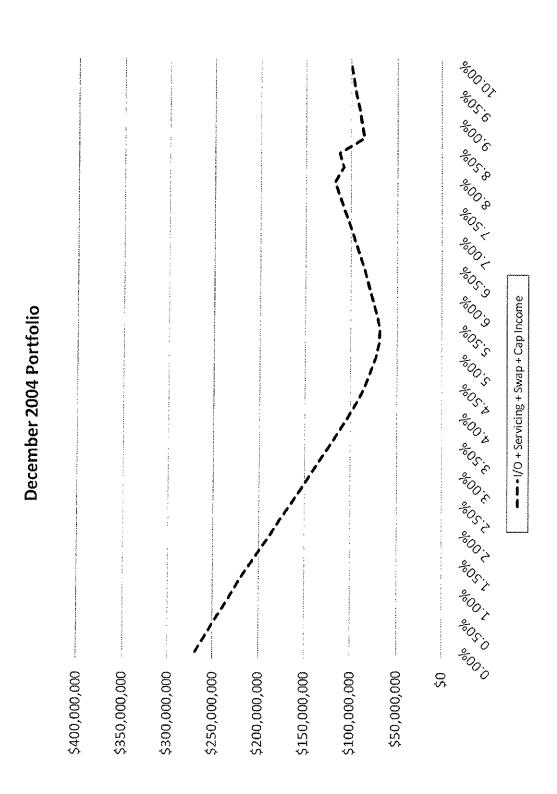


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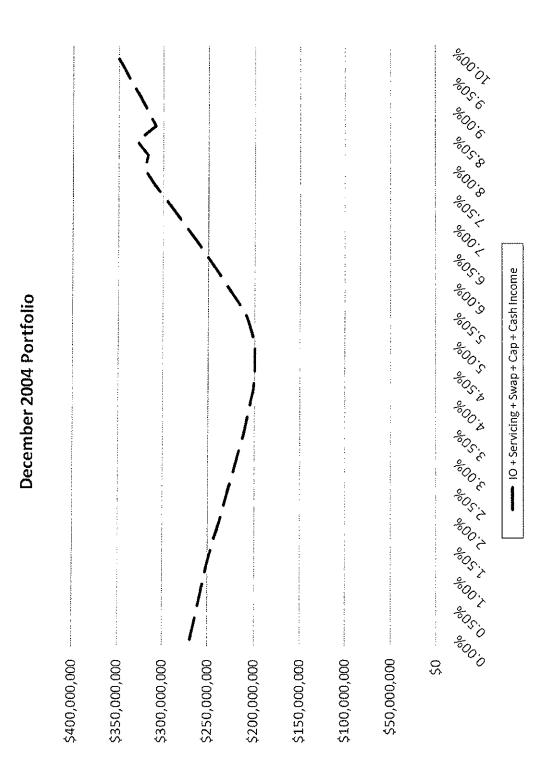
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## Doral's External Hedges

Doral purchased derivatives to manage interest rate risk

- Doral purchased derivatives as an alternative hedge against rising LIBOR interest rates
- Interest rate caps on LIBOR
- The interest rate cap pays Doral LIBOR less the cap rate when LIBOR exceeds the cap rate.
- Interest rate swaps on LIBOR
- Doral pays fixed and the other party pays LIBOR
- Short Eurodollar futures
- Eurodollar rates are "essentially the same as LIBOR"
- Doral profits when LIBOR rates rise



## Doral's External Hedges

Short Eurodollar futures

- As of 12/31/04, Doral shorted \$7.1 billion in Eurodollar futures
- Shorting Eurodollar futures protects against rising interest rates
- For example:<sup>1</sup>
- Doral shorted 500 contracts at a futures price of exceeds the "contract rate" of 3.515% (=100-96.485, giving Doral protection if LIBOR 96.485

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## **Doral's External Hedges**December 31, 2004

- Doral's LIBOR hedges provided protection against rising interest rates
- Doral had \$2.6 billion in LIBOR caps and swaps
- Doral had \$2.1 billion in LIBOR caps
- Doral had \$500 million in LIBOR swaps
- with a weighted average contract rate of 3.9% - Doral had \$7.1 billion in Eurodollar futures

